

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments above, attachment hereto, and comments which follow, which are directed to the numbered paragraphs of the Office Action.

1, 2. The Abstract has been amended as required.

3. Claim 10 has been amended to correct the error in dependency.

4-7. Claim 1 has been amended to distinguish the invention clearly from Allen, Sayles and Brown. The coat of the present invention has the distinctive feature of a three-point location system which, as explained in the description, leaves the front legs free. This is particularly suitable for an active animal such as a healthy dog, in contrast to protective garments for newly-born animals such as lambs or injured animals where, as the focus is on protection, the protective garment is secured to all four legs.

8. Claims 12 to 14 are cancelled.

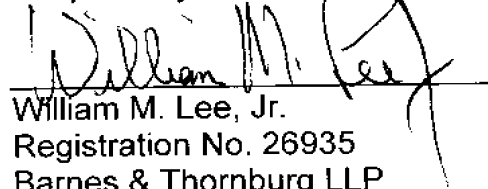
9 -12. The above remarks regarding Allen, Sayles and Brown apply also to these rejections, in the light of the amendment to claim 1. Given the disclosure of the prior art references, it would be very surprising to modify them to omit the feature of securing the protective garments to the two front legs.

Given the above, it is submitted that the remaining claims are now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner's further and favorable reconsideration in that regard is urged.

As this response is being submitted during the fourth month following the Examiner's Office Action, an appropriate Petition for Extension of Time is also submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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